

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORMING A CENTERED BORE FOR  
THE FEMORAL STEM OF A  
HIP PROSTHESIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 to read:

*Sub E17 D*  
1. (Three times amended) An instrument for forming a centered [bone] bore in a femur in preparation for implantation of a femoral prosthesis, wherein the femur includes an intramedullary canal defined by an interior wall of cortical bone, the instrument comprising:

a handle joined to [the] a proximal end of an elongated rod sized to be received within said canal; and

[means] fins fixed at a distal end of the rod, and projecting outwardly in opposing directions from the rod in a

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